



# OFBCI News

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## Porter County AmeriCorps Partnership lifts up anti-bullying message



AmeriCorps members Jeannie Smith, Krista Howe, and Shannon Mellgren secured funding, recruited speaker Michael Dorn (pictured left), and organized presentations to bring greater awareness

to bullying and to "how" schools can promote a safer environment.

The presentations were hosted by several Porter County high schools and provided a great complement to the AmeriCorps members' involvement as mentors with the United Way of Porter County.

[\[Read the entire story here at ValpoLife.com\]](http://ValpoLife.com)

## Spread the word: storm damage assistance deadline fast approaching

Colleagues from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) have an important message to share, and the OFBCI asks that readers share this with their peers in Southern



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### Community events:

- Apr. 25 - [MCCOY Speed dating for early intervention & prevention service providers](#)
- Apr. 26-27 - [ICRC presents "Navigating the Changing Landscape in Housing, Education, and Employment"](#)
- Apr. 27 - [Early registration ends for Neighborhoods USA conference](#)
- May 3 - [Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington "Man up to make a difference" dinner](#)
- May 11 - [Deadline to nominate for UWCI Diversity Volunteer Awards](#)
- May 15 - [Scholarship deadline for AmeriCorps alumni \(to attend the Monterrey](#)

Indiana.

The deadline for federal assistance to storm victims in Southern Indiana is fast approaching, and you don't have to be a member of Indiana VOAD to help Hoosiers hurt by storms. IDHS and FEMA are asking Hoosiers to "Tell your neighbor" about the federal assistance, saying:

"Tell your friends and neighbors about the opportunity to register with FEMA even though they have insurance. Insurance may not cover the entire cost of recovery, and a low-interest loan from the SBA may fill the gap to more fully recover from damage."

[\[Continue reading about the FEMA disaster assistance by clicking here\]](#)

## Indiana Civil Rights Commission hosting events *this week*

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) are hosting a two-day conference April 26-27, 2012 in Indianapolis focused on providing equal opportunities for all Hoosiers.

Entitled "Navigating the Changing Landscape in Housing, Education and Employment", the gathering will offer the community, educational experts, service providers, property owners and researchers an opportunity to share best practices on bringing an end to discrimination statewide.

The conference includes a discussion by Dr. Russ Skiba, Professor in Counseling and Educational Psychology at Indiana University on Thursday, April 26th at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Dr. Skiba is a national expert on disproportionality and has released dozens of publications in the areas of school violence, zero tolerance and equity in education. (Click here for more information on Dr. Skiba).

For more information on the conference and registration information visit: <http://www.in.gov/icrc/navigating.htm> or contact Brad Meadows at (317) 232-2651 or [bmeadows@icrc.in.gov](mailto:bmeadows@icrc.in.gov).

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- Jun. 9 - [Walking for Dreams local nonprofit benefit](#)
- Jun. 21 - [Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism \(ICCSV\) meeting](#)

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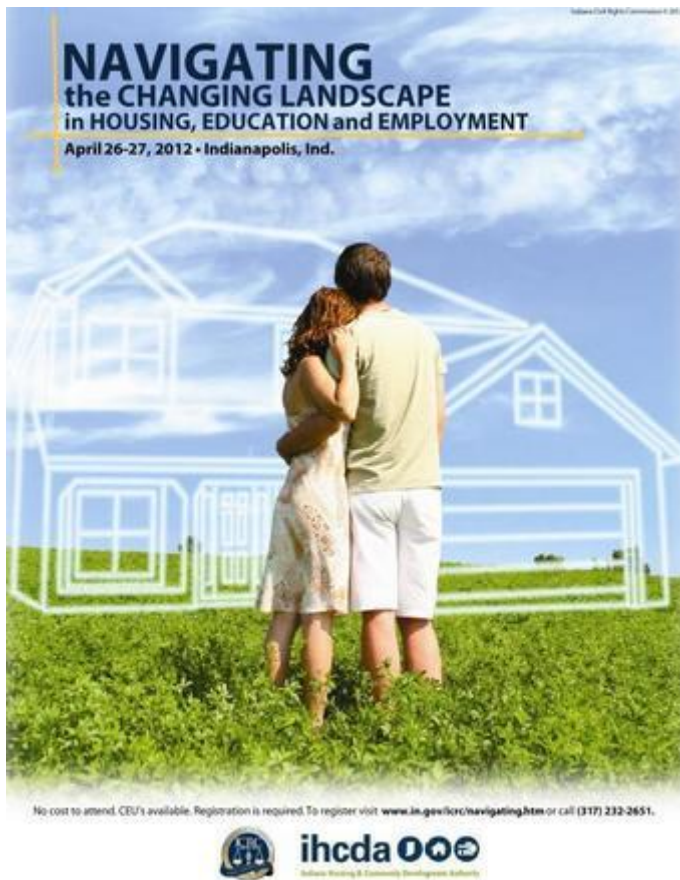
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## FSSA offering assistance to care for mental health of storm victims

Indiana's Division of Mental Health & Addiction (DMHA) has received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant that will allow it to fund mental health counseling services for survivors living in six southern Indiana counties declared disaster areas following the March 2 tornadoes. The Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program grant will pay for crisis counselors, supplies, travel, a toll free hotline and a website. The grant money will be used in Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott, Warrick and Washington counties including a special crisis counseling program for Clark County Schools.

As the staff and volunteers of community organizations and faith-based organizations work to make the individuals of these communities whole again, this service may serve as an important resource since. According to FEMA, more than 1,600 people in these six counties could benefit from the disaster counseling services – a calculation based upon damage estimates and the number of injuries and deaths resulting from the severe storms.

The Crisis Counseling Toll Free Hotline (1-866-679-4631) continues to support survivors in need.

[\[Continue reading about the Crisis Counseling Assistance by clicking here\]](#)



## News that is useful to you:

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## What's new at OFBCI online



Updated information about [HoosierCorps](#) and information to share with those who need [foreclosure prevention assistance](#).



Updated program information for programs relevant to OFBCI in all 92 counties.



Have you visited OFBCI's disaster assistance page? From here, you may learn about COADs and you may jump to information about how to best assist during a disaster.

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## ASPIN, FSSA offer gambling outreach assistance

In your work with a faith-based or community-based organization, do you come into contact with individuals who may have struggles with a gambling addiction? It is estimated that 2 to 5% of people who gamble socially could be diagnosed with a gambling addiction and Indiana is ranked third nationally in annual gambling revenue.

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction has authorized Affiliated Service Providers of Indiana (ASPIN) to develop and present the ASPIN Gambling Outreach



Program.

Outreach Representatives provide statewide telephonic support for individuals contemplating gambling treatment. They assess clients, while encouraging them to enroll in appropriate treatment programs. Referrals are received by the Indiana Problem Gambling Hotline and current treatment providers throughout the state of Indiana.

For more information about this program, contact an ASPIN Outreach Representative, or share this information with someone you know, by calling 317-536-4689, Monday-Friday (8:00AM—5:00PM EST). You may also visit or link to <http://www.aspinoutreach.org>

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## **Don't delay: nominate a service-minded Hoosier today**

The deadline for nominations may be July 27, 2012, but the OFBCI is encouraging readers to nominate early, and even if you aren't sure who to nominate, we're confident that you can share the application with those you know.

This year's categories include:

- **Faith-Based Service Award**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **National Service Award**
- **Volunteerism Award**
- **Youth Service Award (Under 18)**
- **Communities of Service Award**
- **Corporate Service Award**
- **Service Learning Award**

The Governor's Service Awards are the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives' most prestigious award for volunteer service. The INOFBCI will be seeking nominations for recipients and readers can help in several ways.

Whether you tweet about it, post [the award page](#) on friends' Facebook walls, email the opportunity to friends and community organizations, or call others who serve their fellow Hoosiers, it is our goal to reach every corner of the state and to recognize the outstanding crop of Hoosiers who give back.

[Click here to learn more about the nomination process](#) and stay tuned for more details about the 2012 conference.

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